

STROKE

Missouri's Third Leading Cause of Death



Do you suspect someone may be experiencing a **STROKE**?

Pre-hospital stroke indicators:

- 1) Ask the person to smile.
(Does the person understand and move both sides of their face evenly and with equal ease?)
- 2) Ask the person to close their eyes and raise both arms.
(Does the person understand and move both arms to the same level with ease?)
- 3) Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence.
(Does the person understand and is their speech understandable?)

Difficulty with any of these tasks may indicate stroke.

Dial “911” Immediately

**Note: “911” does not dial Emergency Services in every Missouri county.
When “911” is not available, consult the telephone book for emergency services.**

There are other reasons a person may have difficulty with these tasks.
Only a qualified health care provider can diagnose stroke.
By reaching the hospital in time, acute stroke treatment may be an option.